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General Counsel

CSB

27 August 1947.

Automobile Accident

OGC HAS REVIEWED.

Pursuant to verbal discussions between your office and Security Branch, there is transmitted herewith a report by [redacted] concerning an accident in which he was involved in [redacted] on 18 August 1947.

This is the first accident in which any of the three automobiles assigned to the Security Branch have been involved, and while the amount may be considered nominal, the incident raises a question as to how future accidents may be handled by our personnel.

Security Branch has been assigned three automobiles which are located as follows: [redacted] and one in Washington, D. C. There is one [redacted] in [redacted] who is the only individual driving this Government car assigned him. In [redacted], there are eight men who from time to time operate the car assigned to that office and in Washington, there are seven men having access to their automobiles. Most of the men do not possess private automobiles and consequently, are not in possession of insurance policies which would normally cover accidents in which they may become involved. Further, this office has been advised by the Transportation Division that our three cars are registered in the name of the Central Intelligence Group and do not have insurance.

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The Security Branch is desirous of maintaining its cover as much as possible and feels that [ ] acted quite properly in this instance. However, it is realized this can not be standard procedure and regulations must be issued to our Agents in Charge to handle future cases.

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It is therefore recommended that the Security Branch be allowed to notify the Agents in Charge that future accidents in which their men may become involved, wherein the cost is determined not to exceed \$25, the individual Agent may assume the obligation with the assurance that he will be reimbursed by the organization. This is not meant to imply that the Agent involved in the accident will assume the blame automatically but that where there is reasonable doubt as to fault, our security is better maintained by admission of blame rather than contesting the affair. Should the accident be such as to involve a sum exceeding \$25, the Agent, using his own good discretion, should identify himself as an employee of the Central Intelligence Group, naming [ ] in Washington, D. C., as his superior and furnishing [ ] telephone number. This, of course, is to be followed with a full written report of the circumstances surrounding the accident together with a copy of the police report. These, in turn, will be submitted to General Counsel for proper disposition.

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It is further requested that the attached report of accident by [ ] be allowed and this office so notified in order that Special Funds may be made aware and the claim allowed by this organization.

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Chief, Security Branch, OSO

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